



The 9 Great Qualities of the Saṅgha

Supaṭipanno - The Saṅgha is of pure conduct

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The Saṅgha, the order of disciples of the Blessed One, diligently practices the Dhamma to purify their bodily, verbal, and mental conduct. They follow the path of purification to cleanse their minds of greed, hatred, and delusion. In this way, the order of disciples of the Blessed One is of pure conduct.

Ujupaṭipanno - The Saṅgha is of upright conduct

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The Saṅgha, the order of disciples of the Blessed One, abandons all the extremes, and follows the noble eight-fold path, which leads to liberation from suffering and attainment of Nibbana. In this way, the order of disciples of the Blessed One is of upright conduct.

Ñāyapaṭipanno - The Saṅgha is of wise conduct

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The Saṅgha, the order of disciples of the Blessed One, forsakes ignorance and cultivates wisdom through the realization of the four noble truths, leading to full enlightenment. In this way, the order of disciples of the Blessed One is of wise conduct.

Sāmīcipaṭipanno - The Saṅgha is of proper conduct

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The Saṅgha, the order of disciples of the Blessed One, adheres to the Dhamma and discipline. They cultivate virtuous qualities suitable for ascetics who have renounced sensual pleasures. In this way, the order of disciples of the Blessed One is of proper conduct.



The Order of Disciples of the Blessed One, consisting of the four pairs of persons and the eight kinds of individuals, is

Āhuneyyo - Worthy of offerings brought from afar

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When lay followers of the Blessed One bring offerings such as alms food, robes, medicine, and lodgings—known as the four requisites—from afar, the Saṅgha, due to their virtues, is deserving of accepting those offerings. The Saṅgha is worthy of offerings brought from afar.

Pāhuneyyo - Worthy of hospitality

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The Saṅgha participates in alms rounds in villages to collect food as part of their practice in cultivating wholesome qualities. When they visit lay devotees as guests, they are deserving of hospitality, as their supporters will accumulate good karma. The Saṅgha is worthy of hospitality.

Dakkhiṇeyyo - Worthy of gifts offered to gain merit

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When lay devotees of the Blessed One desire to offer gifts to gain the highest amount of good karma, the Saṅgha, the Blessed One's disciples, are deserving of accepting those gifts to maximize the power of the offering. The Saṅgha is worthy of gifts offered to gain merit.

Añjalikaraṇīyo - Worthy of reverential salutations

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The Saṅgha possesses immeasurable virtuous qualities, greater than any other community in the entire universe, thus deserving to be honored by the world with both hands raised above the head. The Saṅgha is worthy of reverential salutations.

Anuttaraṃ Puñṇakkhettaṃ Lokassa - The unsurpassed field of merit for the world

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Just as a well-fertilized field yields the highest amount of crops for a farmer, the offerings made to the Saṅgha yield the highest amount of merit for the faithful devotees. Therefore, the Saṅgha is known as the unsurpassed field of merit for the world.

